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Beloved professor dies

F. Scott Fitzgerald scholar leaves behind countless collections, 37 years of service to university

Liz Segrist
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

USC lost a prominent and devoted English professor, Matthew J. Bruccoli, on Wednesday, June 4.

Bruccoli was the Emily Jeffries Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English and “the world’s foremost scholar of F. Scott Fitzgerald.”

He worked at the university from July 1969 to December 2006 and continued teaching until he fell ill this spring, according to USC News.

President Andrew Sorensen paid tribute to Bruccoli for his hard work and love of the university, according to the university’s Web site.

“Dr. Matthew Bruccoli was a university treasure who enriched the lives of so many on our campus and beyond,” he said. “He will be remembered for his unswerving dedication to the University of South Carolina and to the library, his passion for Fitzgerald, Hemingway and their contemporaries in American literature and his contributions to advancing the understanding of the profession of authorship.”

Bruccoli made several contributions to the



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university other than being professor, most memorable was his Matthew J. & Arlyn F. Bruccoli Collection of F. Scott Fitzgerald in 1994.

This collection, which contained over 3,000 books and periodical publications of Fitzgerald, was valued at \$2 million.

Bruccoli served as the president of a publishing company in Columbia, called Bruccoli Clark Layman. Bruccoli also wrote or edited over 100 books in his lifetime.

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USC grads hit job market

Career Center offers student training, preparation for life

Kara Apel
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The job market for University of South Carolina 2008 graduates is at optimum levels, according to a survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Employers are expected to hire eight percent more college grads than last year, according to their survey, Job Outlook 2008.

Anne Orange, USC’s Career Center Librarian, said the Career Center is very helpful in assisting USC grads find jobs.

“We help students figure out what type of positions they want to find,” Orange said. “We also critique resumes and help students prepare job search documents.”

Orange said the Career Center also conducts mock interviews for students to receive critiques on their interview skills. The Career Center also provides career fairs and offers software, such as JobMate, to assist students in their job searches.

Jason McCune, a mechanical engineering student who graduated in December, said the career fairs were helpful.

“The career fairs were great opportunities to see what companies were out there,” McCune said.

Orange said students with certain performance majors, like dance or theatre, sometimes think the Career Center won’t be able to benefit them.

“There are certain majors who do not think that the Career Center can help them at all,” Orange said, “But we do have ways to help them as well.”

Students with engineering, accounting, education, health, computer science and foreign language majors have the easiest times finding jobs, Orange said.

Although the job placement rates for the 2008 graduating class aren’t in yet, Orange said she thinks USC grads are doing pretty well.

“I think students are being successful in their job searches,” Orange said.

Orange said the Career Center hasn’t had very many 2008 grads come in frustrated about searching for a job.

Erin Schumpert, an advertising student who graduated in May, has not found a job yet.

“Most of my friends have had a very hard time finding jobs unless they were teachers or nurses,” Schumpert said.

Schumpert had previously interned at the CW 47 and worked at The Carolina Agency, a student-run public

relations firm.

“Most of the people I had classes with were fortunate enough to find a job, and not only that, but a job doing what that they actually wanted to do,” Schumpert said. “But figuring out what that is and actually being able to achieve it is the hard part.”

McCune, however, landed a job at Square D, where he had previously interned.

“I really enjoy this job and the opportunity to design and create new things,” McCune said. “It was neither hard nor easy to get hired, just the right opportunity at the right time.”

McCune said he had heard many positive comments about USC grads in the job market.

“I have heard many good things from USC grads in finding job opportunities after graduating,” McCune said. “Many of my friends ranging over a variety of majors have found careers.”

McCune said he believes USC prepared him well for the job market.

“I feel USC prepares students well to enter society and develops both social and educational aspects of individuals,” McCune said.

When undergraduate students are nervous about job placement, Orange said she has simple advice: “Come to the Career Center.”

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the 63rd pick in the second round.

“I’m very excited about today and the opportunity I have to play professional baseball,” Darnell said. “It’s been a great three years here at South Carolina. My advisors are handling the negotiations. If it all works out the way it should, I’ll be a San Diego Padre and go forward.”

Two of the biggest surprises, however, may have come before Darnell was even picked. Recruit Jordan Lyles, a left-handed pitcher from Hartsville, was selected with the 37th pick in the first round by the Houston Astros, meaning he will bypass playing for Carolina.

USC had four other recruits drafted in Adam Matthews (41st round), Eric Broberg (41st round), Adam Westmoreland (35th round) and Justin Dalles (26th round).

Only Broberg, who compiled a 2-2 record with

three saves this season for Seminole Junior College, is expected to sign a contract.

Also of surprise was the drafting of former Gamecock Lonnie Chisenhall in the first round by the Cleveland Indians. Chisenhall played in 19 games for USC last season before being kicked off the team for stealing from the Roost dormitory alongside former pitcher Nick Fuller.

However, the biggest surprise may have been the drafting of pitcher Mike Cisco.

Cisco, who went 6-3 this season for Carolina, was drafted in the 36th round by the Phillies and surprisingly chose to sign, ultimately foregoing his senior season with the Gamecocks.

Fellow weekend starter Will Atwood was taken in the 12th round and has also decided to forego his final year in the Garnet and Black.

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the ring always was. Those who are not a fan of Maryweather will argue that he was a product of a weak boxing pool. While this at some levels is true Mayweather never lowered his intensity level, and always gave his fans and foes all he had. Mayweather was able to bring attention to his sports through his participation on “Dancing with the Stars”, and his rumored \$20 million payday to wrestle in the WWE.

In the past, fans were drawn to high levels of boxing in all weight classes, whether it was heavyweights like Lennox Lewis and Mike Tyson, or smaller fighters like Sugar Ray Leonard and Roy Jones Jr. However, during the past few years Mayweather had no other boxers with which to share the limelight. It seems that the only boxing match that fans are even remotely interested in is Mayweather vs. De la Hoya.

While Floyd Mayweather may not be a household name like Kobe Bryant, Peyton Manning or Alex Rodriguez, his dominance in his sport is undeniable. Mayweather is one of the most dominant athletes of our generation and should receive more love as the greatest pound-for-pound fighter the sport has ever seen.



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Mayweather’s boxing career ends with an unblemished 39-0 career record.

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USC track sprints to championship

Teams head to NCAA after strong performance at regional meet

Drew Latier
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A very talented group of athletes will represent the USC men's and women's track teams this week in the NCAA Track and Field Championships. The four day meet begins today in Des Moines, Iowa, and will showcase the best collegiate track and field athletes in the nation.

Almost a week and a half ago, three individuals on the men's team and four on the women's side qualified for the national meet by their performance at the NCAA East Regional meet. The Gamecocks also qualified for the 4x100 and 4x400 relay squads on both the men and women's side. Capturing South

Carolina's lone first place finish at the regional meet was a runner who has consistently performed well the entire season. Junior Jason Richardson dusted the field in the 110 meter hurdles in a time of 13.21 seconds, breaking the meet record and making the time for the fifth fastest time in the world this year.

"It felt so easy. I was straining at SECs to run 13.21," Richardson said. "I looked back at an old press release and I said I wanted to run 13.2 before NAAs and it's good to see one of my goals come to fruition."

Senior hurdler Jussi Heikkila also qualified for the national meet with a second place finish in the 400 meter hurdles. The Finland native has been putting down outstanding performances lately, running a 49.52 lifetime best in last month's SEC Championships.

"I was happy," Heikkila said of his personal best. "That was the

first time under 50 (seconds), so I had to enjoy it. I have been trying to get under 50 for so many years. It motivates me. I finally got a good improvement."

Heikkila then turned around and ran an even faster time at the regional meet, posting a 49.39 to finish as the 400 meter hurdles runner up.

Only one South Carolina athlete qualified for this week's meet in the field events, with sophomore Eric Heymann qualifying at the regional meet in the javelin throw. A redshirt sophomore, Heymann will be making his second trip to the NCAA Championships this year.

For the women, the freshman sprint duo of Shayla Mahan and Gabby Glenn added another pair of great performances with both sprinters qualifying for the national meet in the 100 meter dash. Mahan took the silver medal at the Regional Championships with a time of 11.47 seconds followed closely by a third

place Glenn.

Mahan went on to finish third in the 200 meter dash, as well as to run the second leg of the 4x100 meter relay team, qualifying the freshman in three events.

Battling a slow start due to health-related issues, sophomore Brandi Cross has quickly come to life towards the end of the season, earning a ticket to the National Championships in the 400 meters.

Cross finished second in the East Regional Meet with a personal best time of 51.70 seconds.

"I am excited," Cross said of the upcoming meet. "I know what I need to do in my race now."

All of the individual athletes as well as the four relay teams that qualified will compete throughout the week with the championships concluding on Saturday.

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Go Green spreads the word

Program urges campus to conserve energy one screen saver at a time

Tsuyoshi Inajima
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

University Technology Services, or UTS, began a Go Green campaign that offers tips to USC students on how to conserve energy and recycle resources in their daily lives.

Kimberly South, a UTS public relations coordinator, said this campaign is to try and get people more environmentally aware of their computers.

"Even though your laptops and desktops take up a lot of electricity and energy, there are still a lot of things we can do to cut down," South said.

Most of the UTS eco tips are easy to start but may

actually save a lot of money in a long run. By using a screen saver or turning off a computer when it is not in use, UTS manager Charlie Barber said students may save 10 percent of their electricity bill.

UTS tips also include upgrading CRT monitors to LCD flat panels. Barber said LCDs consume 50 percent less energy. South said LCD monitors are getting cheaper as the technology becomes more popular.

Most 17-inch LCD monitors are priced from \$120 to \$300 at retail stores while CRT monitors with the same size are priced from \$50 to \$200. Other tips include printing duplex and unplugging devices that are not in use.

"We want to get the word out that 'Hey we got some tips for you.' We don't want to tell people, 'Hey, go green! Help the environment!' without

telling something that people can use and take home," South said.

South said students can start with the small things and once they realize the benefits, they might then look into more complex approaches to going green.

South said if students don't know how to set up the system, UTS technicians can help them.

Madilyn Fletcher, the director of the USC School of the Environment, said that considering the number of computers used on campus, the UTS tips will help save significant amounts of energy.

"A lot of [environmental]

Graphic by Andrew Pennell

problems are not solved by few people doing something really big," Fletcher said. "What is required is a lot of people, everyone if possible, just doing a little bit better."

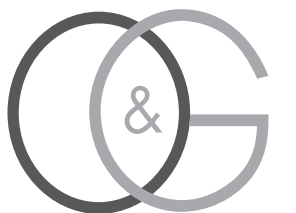
Fletcher said people have

to look at the big picture with environmental issues. She said that as people consume more energy and manufacture more papers and print cartridges, there will be more demand for energy and other natural resources. She said this leads to higher prices of gasoline and oil, which is what is happening today.

"It's not just a matter of reducing need for papers or reducing need for food containers," Fletcher said. "We really need a large scale adjustment of our total economy which is based on oil."

The Go Green campaign is part of some of the larger environmental programs USC has been promoting.

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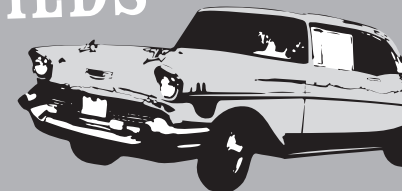
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Laughter proves best medicine for life

Tour teaches students to find happiness, peace of mind in every situation

Megan Holt
NEWS EDITOR

Have you laughed today? With the daily stresses of life, the World Laughter Tour said students could use some extra laughter in their lives.

Nancy Jones, a Certified Laugh Leader from the World Laughter Tour, Inc., visited the Lexington County Public Library - Irmo Branch last week to help community members understand the benefits of laughter.

World Laughter Tour, Inc., a source for training in therapeutic laughter, holds events in every continent to promote health and peace through laughter.

According to World Laughter Tour, Inc., research

shows that laughter has many various health benefits, as well as helping people to get along better.

Jones, as a Certified Laugh Leader, said she believes laughing is a beneficial activity for students.

“It improves mental alertness, memory, creativity and problem solving abilities,” Jones said. “Laughter stimulates both sides of the brain, increases attention span, reduces mistakes and stimulates all the senses.”

Jones said she believes there is also an advantage to instructors promoting laughter in the classroom.

“Laughter in the classroom boosts interest, level of participation, facilitates discussions and improves communication skill,” Jones said. “Laughter builds strong bonds in groups. It brings people together, strengthens relationships and improves morale.”

Kim Jamieson, a USC

graduate student, attended the Laughter Club and said she learned the benefits of laughing throughout the day.

“The laughter seminar, once you become comfortable in the environment, is a great opportunity to learn how to not take yourself so seriously,” Jamieson said. “I learned the many health benefits of laughing, including an increase in oxygen as well as strengthening to your abs.”

Roni Klemick, marketing director for AAA Movers/Senior Services, said she has learned the benefits of laughter through the Laughter Club.

“I learned how much fun it is to be with a group of adults who can let their inner child out and enjoy a good time just pretending. I also learned that laughter is a wonderful way to reduce stress, especially after a hectic day at the office,” Klemick said.

Jones said she encourages students to find situations throughout the day that will make them laugh.

“Be on the look-out for funny occurrences. Be willing to look at life situations from a different perspective — look at the funny side.”

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S.C. holds local primaries

Challengers face criticism, scrutiny in race for positions

Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press

The primaries for South Carolina state Senate and House seats on Tuesday were shaping up to be as much a test of endorsements as they were of the candidates themselves.

On the Democratic side, some incumbents faced criticism for their endorsements during the state's high-profile presidential campaigns in January. For Republicans, some contests featured challengers backed by Gov. Mark Sanford who were running against incumbent legislators.

All 170 seats in the Legislature are up for election this year and voters were choosing the Democratic or Republican nominee in 48 House races and 22 Senate contests. With Republicans controlling 60 percent of both chambers, the balance

of power is not expected to shift in November.

Among the incumbents running are two high-profile black Democratic senators who supported Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton who now face black opponents who support Barack Obama.

Sens. Robert Ford of Charleston and Darrell Jackson of Columbia are both seeking their fifth terms.

Ford's challenger, lawyer Dwayne Green, said Ford's comments about Obama prompted his run. Early in the primary season, Ford predicted trouble for Democrats in November should a black nominee lead the ticket.

“We’d lose the House and the Senate and the governors and everything,” said Ford, who later apologized.

Green said Ford's comment took the state backward.

“It was discouraging to hear a senior African-American leader in this state criticize the most viable African-American presidential candidate in those terms. It sends a bad message to African-American youth in this state,” said Green, who co-hosted a fundraiser for Obama.

Ford, who's known for his outspokenness, said he's dedicated his life to helping blacks and called Green's criticism “pure garbage and nonsense.”

Boxing takes huge 'blow'

Mayweather ends nearly flawless career in ring, leaves behind dying sport

There is a very good chance you missed it, but Friday may have been the beginning of the end for boxing as a relevant sport in America. Boxing, which once stood as symbol of America's strength and nationalism, has been pushed to the back of the sports stage over the past decade despite the efforts of one the sport's greatest competitors.

Floyd “Money” Mayweather decided to hang up the gloves after having one the most dominant careers the sport of boxing has ever seen. Mayweather retires after only 39 professional bouts. However, like other sports legends of our time, he will be leaving on top and on his own time. Floyd was masterful in the ring, winning every one of those 39 bouts, 25 of them by knockout. In fact, of his 14 fights that went the distance, only the controversial De la Hoya fight ended in split decision.

The tremendous rise of MMA and UFC has pushed boxing from the forefront of American sports. While boxing may not have always been a big draw, Mayweather and his smooth arrogance in



AUSTIN SMALLWOOD
Third-year finance student

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Gamecocks taken in draft

USC players to join major league teams Rangers, Mets, Phillies

Chris Cox
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Carolina baseball team saw seven of its baseball players and five of its incoming recruits taken in the 2008 Major League Baseball draft this past weekend.

Heading the list were the Gamecocks phenomenons of this season: first baseman Justin Smoak and shortstop Reese Havens, who were both selected in the first round. The last time two Gamecocks were taken in the first round was in 2004 when Landon Powell and Matt Campbell accomplished the feat.

Smoak led the way after being selected 11th overall by the Texas Rangers after hitting .383 this past season with 23 homeruns and 72 runs batted in. His career total in round trippers, RBIs and walks is tops among USC players on the all-time list.

“I’m very excited. Coming into the draft, you never know what’s going to happen until it happens,” Smoak said. “It’s something I dreamed about growing up playing backyard pickup games. My mom was crying and my father was excited because this is something I’ve worked for my whole life. Everybody was jumping for joy.”

Havens was a bit bigger of a surprise, as the Sullivan’s



Juan Blas / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

First baseman Smoak leaves South Carolina as the leader in career homeruns, RBIs and walks to joins the Texas Rangers as the 11th overall pick in the draft.

Island native was taken 22nd overall by the New York Mets. The shortstop produced outstanding numbers this past season and improved drastically at the plate.

The junior hit .359 for the season, just one year

after putting together a .274 campaign in 2007. He also hit 18 homeruns for the year after compiling just nine in his first two seasons with the Gamecocks.

“I had no idea I would be picked number 22 (in the draft),” Havens said.

“It’s just a great feeling. My family and I are very excited about what just happened.”

Third baseman James Darnell followed as he was selected by his hometown San Diego Padres with

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ARIES Workplace politics and minor differences between colleagues are not easily avoidable this week. **TAURUS** Group activities are rewarding over the next few days. Use this time to foster understanding between loved ones. **GEMINI** Brief love affairs are delightful but unreliable. Respond positively to quick flirtations but avoid serious expectations. **CANCER** A younger friend or relative may be unusually upset this week by a rare social argument. **LEO** For many Leos, ongoing money restrictions will now steadily fade. **VIRGO** Loved ones will now respond poorly to family suggestions: travel schedules may be a strong theme. **LIBRA** Enjoy familiar home activities and private social encounters this

week. This time is for you and your close friends. **SCORPIO** Close relatives and long-term friends are now introspective and easily irritated by new information. **SAGITTARIUS** Financial limits will soon be revised. Early this week expect someone close to provide improved money strategies. **CAPRICORN** Group events will bring a fresh circle of friends into your life this week. Explore new activities and respond quickly to all social proposals. **AQUARIUS** Rental agreements, property restrictions or new purchases will require determination this week. **PISCES** Expect loved ones to present conflicting schedules or disjointed social priorities. Act as mediator, if possible.

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IN OUR OPINION

Smoking ban threatens businesses by going too far with restrictions

Apparently someone finally read the Surgeon General's Warning and now Richland County is taking no chances. At a public hearing last week, Richland county citizens and Council members debated a possible smoking ban. If the ban passes on June 17, it will prohibit smoking in any indoor place in Richland County. Yes nicotine fiends, this includes restaurants and bars.

A smoking ban is a good idea, but not forcing it on bars

While we applaud the attempt at decreasing second-hand smoke and promoting healthier lifestyles, we are not in full agreement with the ban. It's a great idea to decrease smoking in close-quarters around children and where anyone could inhale second-hand smoke. Smoker or non-smoker, no one can deny the negative toll smoking takes on one's body. While there is the "non-smoking section" of the restaurant argument, let's be honest: that's about as realistic as a "non-peeing section" of a pool. Therefore, a smoking ban is a good idea, but not in bars. If you can't smoke in a bar, where can you smoke? Some restaurants double as a bar, but we feel that if the establishment requires a 21-year-old I.D. to enter, people should be able to smoke if they like. Not only would this ban on smoking at bars possibly hurt their business, but it takes away an adult's ability to choose. If an I.D. is required to enter, consenting adults are present and are able, or should be anyway, to make their own decisions.



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Students miss point of higher education, focus only on career

Limited options, rigid curriculum limit growth in college experience

When a group of thirty-some freshman liberal arts students were asked why they came to college, the resulting cacophony is frightening. Some of the answers included "to get away from my parents," and "to make more money," while a cluster of vacant girls declare that they are after their M.R.S. degree. Finally a voice of reason rings out with the correct answer: education. Whether higher education is a journey, a destination or the means to an end is a muddled question that plagues every student. Perhaps high school guidance counselors are to blame for convincing students that it is essential to know precisely what they want to do with their entire adult lives. Regardless of who is to blame, students have lost sight of the idea of scholarship and the quest for knowledge without the promise of monetary benefit. Unfortunately, the policies of this university, regardless of the administration's vision to provide "its students with the highest-quality education, including the knowledge, skills and values necessary for success and responsible citizenship in a complex and changing world," set forth in the mission statement does not always facilitate the development of students into well-rounded individuals. Gone are the days of the Renaissance Man, when

a full education meant excelling in a broad spectrum of subjects, in every facet of learning. For an intellectual to "declare" a singular strong suit is as logical as declaring that you would prefer to propel your car utilizing a singular tire.

Students who enter the university without having selected a major are branded "undeclared" and pushed to narrow down their options and interests. All parties mean well and provide unique perspectives on the potential futures of individual students, but there are differences in views of the purpose of higher education if students are coerced to become narrow-minded rather than well-rounded.

One piece of evidence that students are discouraged from nurturing all interests is the fissure between, and within, the colleges. Even the College of Arts and Sciences, through makes it difficult to pursue both an interest in biology and psychology. If a student's interests are more varied, like an engineer with painting talent, continuing training in both is out of the question. With varied and sometimes negligible, requirements , which are typically regarded as something to "get out of the way" before junior year, multiple majors are rare and their rounding purpose is negated.

It is understandable that demanding majors put students on a professional track, it is still unacceptable that graduates can receive a diploma not having taken English or being unaware of basic Western history.

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Make time for dad

Uniquely personal gifts, moments full of activity make Father's Day special

Jennifer Carragher
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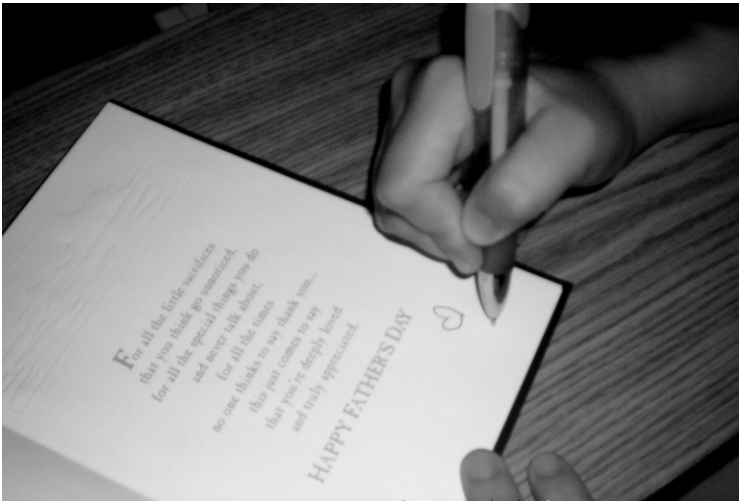
Corinne Robinson used to think her dad was Superman. She remembers he looked like him: her father was skinny with neatly combed, dark hair and glasses. On the weekends though, Mr. Robinson didn't wear his glasses or do his hair, so he had this little curl on his forehead. Her father, in her eyes, was a hero.

Robinson, now a USC costume design graduate student, knows that although her dad isn't really Superman, he is an important part of her life.

"My dad and I have always been really close," Robinson said. "Our house burned down on my sixth birthday. Afterwards, my dad did arts and crafts with me, which was really therapeutic. He also bought me this escape ladder since my bedroom was on the second floor and showed me how to use it. It made me feel safe."

Now, Robinson uses her unique interests and artistic abilities to create gifts each year that will let her father know how much he means to her.

"I always get him something he likes or can use," Robinson said. "One of the things I did for my dad was to find a picture of us from when I



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Corinne Robinson remembers spending time with her dad.

was little. I scanned it into the computer, made it black and white, printed it and just colored in my red sweater by hand. It looked very artistic and he loved it."

This year, Robinson plans on registering her dad with TheRememberingSite.org, a Web site encouraging people to write their life stories to share with others. For a \$25 registration fee, her dad will be able to login and answer over 1,000 questions about his life, upload photos and add them to his biography.

Once he's finished, Mr. Robinson can choose to e-mail his completed biography to friends and family or allow it to be read by others through the Web site.

He can also print it out at home or, for an additional fee, have high-quality paperback or hardback copies printed.

Another thing Robinson always does to celebrate the

holiday with her dad is spend quality time. In the past, they have gone canoeing at sunrise and cooked breakfast on an island.

"His favorite gift from me was a letter I wrote to him," Robinson said. "I talked about how grateful I am for all the things he's done for me and told him about things he's said that made me change my perception. I think he teared up when he read it."

Robinson says that what makes their relationship special is the time and effort they both put into it. She said her dad really tries to learn about things she's into and takes time out to spend time with her and let her know he's there for her.

So this year, take time to personalize a gift to the dads out there that make lives more meaningful. Whatever it is, the thought behind your Father's Day gift will make dad glad.

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Moe's offers students a great, casual environment with burritos, tacos and plenty more at \$6 or less.

Dine on a few dollars

These local eateries will beat low-budget blues, sooth any hunger pain

Jennifer Carragher
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

With costs rising on everything from gas to groceries, money is tight. College students are especially feeling the pinch of these rising costs — that is why I'm making it my mission to personally hunt down all the great deals around Columbia. Each week, I'll bring my favorite finds right here to the Daily Gamecock to help fellow students alleviate expenses and experience the city for less.

This week, I scoured Columbia to find tasty dining options that won't break the bank. Columbia offers a plethora of dollar menus but if you're like me, you'd rather eat your shoe than a burger from a fast food chain. Fortunately, I came across quite a few options for those looking for something more than stale, limp fries and greasy, warmed-over burgers.

1. Jimmy John's: One of the best sandwich shops around with locations in both Five Points and the Vista. Not only does the shop offer several 8-inch subs for \$3.99 and inexpensive sides like cookies, chips and jumbo pickles, but it also offers customers free delivery. Jimmy John's will fill you up without costing you an arm and a leg ... or a gallon of gas.

2. Moe's: Head over to Main Street if Mexican is more your taste. With most prices under \$6, Moe's offers an assortment of burritos, tacos, quesadillas and fajitas. Not a fan of meat? Try their "Personal Trainer" salad bowl or add tofu to their standard dishes instead of ground beef. Moe's is home to a casual, welcoming and fun environment that is the perfect retreat for summer students to hit with friends.

3. Pizza Man: You simply can't beat the prices at Pizza Man on Rosewood Drive. They serve a unique thin crust pizza with a wide range of toppings that will fill one student for several meals. Whether served in a laid-back atmosphere or

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delivered to the apartment, Pizza Man's pies are the perfect pick for students

4. Cool Beans: Forget Starbucks and head over to this coffee shop up the street from the Horseshoe for better variety. Cool Beans has a selection of delicious wraps, sandwiches, soups and salads in addition to specialty drinks and desserts. Stick with the basics, like their BLT or Hummus Wrap, for the best deals and use that extra cash to treat yourself to a Holy Mocha.

5. Carolina Café: Also located near the Horseshoe, Carolina Cafe offers delectable sandwiches, salads and bagels. For only \$4.95, try a turkey wrap with chips, a pickle and fruit wedge. Looking for more? Try their bacon, egg and cheese sandwich for just \$3.50.

6. Village Idiot: Their specialty pies make this place one of the top choices for pizza in Columbia but for the best deals, stick with ordering pizza by the slice. Prices start at just \$1.50 for a slice and it costs \$.50 - \$.75 to add all your favorite toppings. Hot and cold sandwiches, stromboli and calzones, all priced less than \$7, are also available.

7. The Whig: For something a little off the beaten path, head over to The Whig (found under the ABC News building on Gervais Street) to experience a "Taco Tuesday." For a mere \$.50, you can get either a beef or black bean taco topped with lettuce, cheese, tomatoes and your choice of freshly made salsa or any of a number of hot sauces.

So next time you don't feel like cooking try these cheap, but appetizing local alternatives instead of another boring trip to McDonald's?

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Ashanti: back in business

R&B princess makes big return with hot summer album 'The Declaration'

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"The Declaration"
Ashanti
★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

After battling zombies in last year's hit movie "Resident Evil: Extinction," Ashanti returns to the music scene with her new album "The Declaration."

Ashanti burst onto the music scene in 2002 with her self-titled debut album, which set a record for biggest opening week for a female artist, selling 504,593 copies.

However, it has been four years since her last album "Concrete Rose" was released to less-than-average sales. Since then, Irv Gotti and Ashanti's record label The Inc. have been hit hard with legal problems and consequently, many people have begun to doubt that Ashanti has anything new to offer a world of R&B.

I must say that I am not a huge fan of the pop/R&B genre, but I can appreciate music for what it is. This album looks to be a hot one, serving as Ashanti's "declaration" that she is still the best at what she does. It tries to demonstrate the wide range of emotions that she, and many of her female fans, experience in life.

For example, the track "Good Good" reveals her sense of sexuality whereas "Shine" is uplifting, good for overcoming obstacles and hard times. "Struggle" chronicles a relationship

that has had its ups and downs but made it through. Another track that is sure to be a fan favorite is "Things you make me do," a duet with Robin Thicke where Ashanti gives in to the power of love.

Ashanti is also exploring many new stylistic directions on this album, as she is collaborating with a

new production team. The team looks nothing more than a "who's who" of the rap/R&B scene, including L.T. Hutton, who worked on the first single "The way that I love you," as well as Akon and Nelly on "Body on Me." Polow Da Don, Pharrell, Babyface, Jermaine Dupri and Rodney Jerkins are also on

the list.

Look for this album to be a big hit this summer and a precursor of things to come. Ashanti is back, she's changing up her style and she means business.

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